

ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST

Americans advised Israel to devalue currency

Israel revalued her currency on Sunday following a dramatic late night Cabinet meeting on Saturday. The new exchange rate for the dollar is 124 and 20 agorot (50p), compared with the old rate of 123 and 50 agorot (42p), representing devaluation of nearly 20 per cent. The Israeli pound will remain linked to the dollar and will float with it.

Mr Pinhas Sapir, the Finance Minister, who had made a statement earlier that he would not propose devaluation, said afterwards that Israel had now "the correct rate of exchange" and this was the best way of meeting present conditions.

The Cabinet approved emergency regulations which were submitted to a specially convened session of the Knesset on Monday—the House has risen for the summer recess—imposing a 20 per cent levy on all imports, including stock bought at the old exchange rate.

Legislation was introduced controlling wages, profits and prices except for a certain number of basic items, including bread, milk, eggs, sugar, oil and petrol, which go up from between one and two agorot per unit and butter ten agorot.

The effect of the emergency regulations which will come up for renewal at the end of the year will be, according to Mr Sapir, to decrease imports, increase exports and strengthen the economy.

He revealed that the advice from official American financial circles had been to devalue.

One positive effect of devaluation will be to make Israeli exports to the United States cheaper and thus offset President Nixon's surcharge on imported goods.

Diamonds especially should do even better on the American market since the rate of devaluation is much larger than the American permitted rate of surcharge.

But diamond exporters added a rider that their success on the American market was dependent on the Government maintaining its system of export premiums.

Banks throughout Israel closed on Sunday by Government order and policemen were stationed at the doors of every bank building.

Special arrangements were made for tourists who arrived and Israeli leaving for overseas to exchange currency. The banks reopened for business on Monday.

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First forum for West Bank Arabs

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More than 100,000 Arabs joined the 600,000 on the West Bank in the past three months under Israel's summer visits scheme, the economic boom there.

Analysing the situation, the Israeli Government, politically speaking, West Bank Palestinians instead of the pleasant summer in the mountains were—in the words of an Arab proverb—driven to suffer the hot weather of the valley.

Mr Moshe Dayan, the Minister, suggested that the Government should "declare" the territories as "the government."

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Moscow revives charges

From our Correspondent—United Nations

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Sir Alec's surprise for French

From our Correspondent—Paris

Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the British Foreign Secretary, has made it clear to France that if Britain entered the Common Market she would not initiate France's one-sided support of the Arabs in the Middle East dispute.

Sir Alec has emphasised that Britain would maintain inside the community an objective attitude on Middle East issues.

His remarks were received with a certain measure of scepticism. It had been felt that Britain in order to secure French approval for entry to the Common Market would be inclined towards France's outlook on Middle East issues.

This was reinforced by the belief that Britain, very naturally, wanted to normalise relations with the "progressive" Arab countries.

But when later Sir Alec made his bold announcement that he would pay an official visit to Israel in the autumn it was realised here that the Conservative Government in London fully intended to pursue this "equitable" policy enunciated by Sir Alec in Paris.

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Devaluation boost to tourism

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

British tourism to Israel, which is already booming, will receive an additional boost as a result of the 20 per cent devaluation of the Israeli pound. "We expect at least 50,000 British tourists this year, compared with 37,000 in 1970," Mr Aharon Dishon, deputy director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in London, told me this week.

Even before devaluation there was a marked increase in the number of Britons going to Israel. The figures for the first six months—from January to June—showed that at more than 21,000, they were 31 per cent higher than during the same period last year.

With the massive devaluation

of the Israeli pound holidays in Israel will be considerably cheaper to foreign tourists. As the price of air fares—which, by international agreement are based on the American dollar fixed at \$2.40 to the £—sterling remains unaltered, the principal benefit to foreign tourists in Israel will accrue from the fact that hotel accommodation, as well as meals and other purchases in Israel, will be cheaper in terms of their own currency.

Even those who have paid deposits to travel agencies should be able to benefit from the devaluation to its full extent of 20p for every £ sterling spent in Israel.

The full benefit may, of course, not last for long. Apart from the usual rise in prices which follows any devaluation, there has recently been serious talk of increasing hotel charges next spring by about 15 per cent.

Some time next year the effective cost of hotel accommodation is likely to have crept up to the pre-devaluation level.

No help from Embassy

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Israeli tourists have been doubly hit by the current financial upheaval. While they now have to pay 20 per cent more for the \$250 they are allowed to take with them (as well as a higher travel surcharge), they also find that their dollars buy less abroad than before.

Last week, before devaluation, Israeli tourists in London were in the same predicament as American tourists, since both had all their available money in American currency—banknotes or travellers' cheques. Some had to pay the higher rates of exchange and others had trouble in cashing their cheques.

There were no calls for help at the Israel Embassy in London, since Israeli tourists are forewarned that their diplomatic missions abroad have no special funds to help them in financial difficulties.

I understand, however, that the Anglo-Israel Bank, a subsidiary of Israel's largest commercial bank, was able to assist those who called at its premises in the City of London.

New hospitals

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Miniature casualty hospitals are being built in Israel with the help of British supporters of Magen David Adom, Israel's emergency medical services.

The first two hospitals, which include underground rooms and operating theatres, have been opened in Netanya and Carmiel. A third, in Bat Yam, is expected to be opened in October and three more are under construction.



Some of the 50 children who attended a week-long playgroup at the Stanmore Synagogue organised by the home and child department of the Federation of Women Zionists with the help of Mrs Cyril Shaps, of Stanmore Wizo

Magen David painted on Soviet 'aircraft'

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Jewish demonstrators painted a Magen David on a model of a Soviet supersonic aircraft displayed last week in the window of Intourist, the Russian travel agency in Regent Street. The demonstrators, members of the Emergency Committee for Soviet Jewry, also placed a protest poster in the window. The poster, proclaiming "Let My People Go," was almost immediately removed by Intourist staff.

The group intends to picket London performances of the

Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra next month in protest against the continued persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union. The orchestra's tour is being promoted by Mr Victor Hochhauser, the Jewish impresario who also brought the Moscow State Circus over on its current London season.

Replying to a protest telegram sent by relatives of imprisoned Soviet Jews Mr Hochhauser said that he prayed they would all soon be reunited in Israel.

As reported last week, the relatives, all of whom live in Israel, had expressed outrage that by bringing the Moscow circus to London Mr Hochhauser was helping the Soviet authorities to distract attention from the persecution of Jews in Russia.

Mr Hochhauser stated that he understood their feelings but that his contract to promote the circus's tour was signed five years ago after he had seen one of their performances in Israel. He added that he had received many commendations from Israel for his work both for the people and the land of Israel.

London housewives have asked Mr Mikhail Smirnovsky, the Soviet Ambassador, to intervene on behalf of Mrs Silva Zalmanson, a Riga Jewess, who was sentenced to ten years' hard labour last December in the Leningrad "shaking" trial. In a letter to the Ambassador they pointed out that Mrs Zalmanson, who is now in the Poles camp in Mordovia, was suffering from a serious eye ailment and had become partially deaf.

The people in this area give us wonderful support, but the congregation grows smaller and smaller.

Asch letters to be published

Jewish Chronicle

Private correspondence "of immense historical value" which the celebrated Yiddish writer, Sholem Asch, conducted for over 50 years and which has been in the possession of his daughter in London, Mrs Ruth Shaffer, is to be published shortly.

A decision to publish a selection of the letters was taken by the London Committee of Yivo (the Yiddish Scientific Institute in New York) and Mr David Ben-Ari, the former mayor of Bat Yam and chairman of Bat Sholem Asch, which is situated there. It is being edited by Mr Michael Zylberberg, Yivo's representative in London.

He told me that the volume would contain 800 letters which Asch wrote to his wife, Matilda, and to other Jewish writers and

Novel Orthodox theory on Jesus's death

Jewish Chronicle

Evidence that Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, had shared more of a Jewish background than is generally believed is suggested in the new writing was brought to a triennial conference of Roman societies in Oxford.

Dr F. G. G. Millar, College, Oxford, conducted a close study of the dures of the period world's most famous scene—the trial of Jesus took place and that it was an administrative out by the Roman governor, Dr Millar based his on the incompleteness of the gospels on the issue. He gave most credence to the account, which states that Jesus's case came up over, but that no Jewish threat to public order was made.

The Sanhedrin committee formally tried Jesus, he gestured, because it was on the morning before the event which had to be postponed. He was a charity greyhound over, but that no Jewish threat to public order was made.

In his view, Jesus was informally by the Jewish leaders, then executed by Pilate alone, and the because Pilate wanted of him.

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Aid policy failing

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Israel has often been efforts to win Afro-Asian support by providing aid. Dr Seligman, former head of agricultural research in Thailand, said that in London last week.

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One such example, bodia, where Israel's war broke out, a year which voted against UN. Thailand, however, sometimes refrained altogether.

Tablet to find new home

From our Correspondent Manchester

The marble tablet inscribed with the Ten Commandments which was found in the rubble of a partially demolished synagogue in Manchester is to be presented to one of several local synagogues which have expressed interest in receiving it.

With the blessing of the synagogue's president, Mr Leslie Allwell, the tablet was removed for safe-keeping to the offices of the Jewish Gazette in Cheetum Parade.

Mr David Hamburger, chairman of the Manchester and District Council of Synagogues, said, "As usual, the vigilant Jewish press is playing its full part in concerning itself with the community. It is a shame," he went on, "that an article which has adorned a synagogue should have been found lying in rubble. It is hoped that in future it will take its correct place to beautify an Aron Kodesh."

The tablet was overlooked when the Chevra Kadisha Synagogue vacated its premises nearly two years ago under a local slum-clearance scheme.

Novel emissary

A former officer in the Israeli prison service, Mr Zvi Slonim, has come to Manchester for two years as the north of England emissary to Benelux, the religious youth movement.

Mr Slonim, who is aged 37, and a seventh generation sabra, has been for the past six years the principal of an educational institution for delinquent girls near Ashdod. He has been a member of Benelux since he was a young boy.

Mrs Hilda Homer, of Accrington, gave a talk on "Jewish customs" to members of the Accrington Rotary Club.

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ALLENTINE MITCHELL

Glasgow puts up shechita charges

From our Correspondent

Increased shechita charges have been imposed by the Glasgow Board of Shechita to meet the cost of wage claims by shechitah and members of the Beth Din.

Mr Harvey N. Norton, the president of the Board, told a council meeting that it was proposed to raise the charges on poultry by 1p to 7p per bird and to place a surcharge of 50p on the larger butchers now being used by the butchers. He claimed that although the same total amount of meat was derived from the use of larger animals the board was losing revenue on the per capita charge. Both the board and the butcher were trying to avoid any increase in meat prices to the public.

A vigorous protest was registered by Mr Norton at what he termed the "chutza" of the Manchester Shechita Board in taking away their only *maschgin* (religious supervisor), who has taken up an appointment in Manchester. He added that the supervisor had said that he felt the environment in Manchester would be better for his children.

Burial merger no nearer

From our Correspondent Liverpool

"The prospects of the absorption of this society in the larger combination of the United Merseyside Jewish Burial Board—to which proposal we have agreed in principle—is no nearer; no agreement between the various constituent burial boards appears to be imminent."

This was reported by Mr E. Greiser, president of the Liverpool Hebrew Federated Burial Society, at its annual meeting at Rex Cohen Court.

After stating that "at the moment, the society is in a happy financial position," Mr Greiser promised that despite increased costs, recently negotiated with the Liverpool Corporation, no increase in charges would be made by the society until October, 1972.

Leeds Talmud Torah appeal

For the first time in many years an appeal is to be made from the pupils of all Leeds synagogues on Yom Kippur on behalf of the Leeds Talmud Torah.

All the synagogues agreed to make the appeals which will form the start of a communal fund on behalf of the Talmud Torah which is more than £18,000 in debt.

The annual Kol Midev appeals on behalf of JPA will go ahead in the synagogues as usual.

Southend treat for spastics

A civic send-off by the Mayor and Mayoress of Southend was given to a party of 80 non-Jewish spastic children who were taken by coach to Colchester Zoo last week.

Organised and accompanied by members of the Southend branch of Ajea, the party were taken on a tour of the Essex countryside followed by a tea.

Silver wedding

Mr and Mrs Sam Marks celebrated their silver wedding by asking 300 guests who joined them for luncheon at the Bournemouth Pavilion, to make donations to their charity fund. The gifts amounting to £1,250 were distributed to Jewish charities at home and in Israel.

Mr Marks is treasurer of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation.

PROVINCIAL PROFILE

Harry Ellis

Born in Bournemouth, Harry Ellis, a young collector from Newport in Wales, to Bournemouth about thirty years ago, when he fell in love with a Bournemouth girl, Amy Taylor, whom he subsequently married.

His arrival swelled the ranks of Jewish immigrants from the principality. Having served his apprenticeship in communal work—especially in Zionism—in Newport, following in the footsteps of his parents, he soon found himself elected to the board of management of the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation. In 1947 he was elected treasurer, the first step on a path of almost continual office. Today finds him as senior trustee and president of the congregation.

Harry Ellis' policy is strong leadership from the top with trusted lieutenants around him. He also maintains extensive and strong cordial relations with the non-Jewish community and is held in high esteem by them. Only recently he was elected vice-president of the Bournemouth and District Incorporated Law Society—the first Jew to have held the office and in two years' time he will become president of that body. He is one of three local members serving on the southern area committee of the legal aid committee dealing with appeals.

At present he is southern area representative of the Chief Rabbi.



imate Council, member of the Board of Deputies, executive member of the Bournemouth Council of Christians and Jews, chairman of the Bournemouth Jewish Public Relations Committee, vice-chairman of the Hannah Levy Home for the Aged Aid Committee and the congregation's honorary solicitor.

But his labour of love has been as chairman of the local JPA committee, a post which he has held for several years. He now has a stake in the Holy Land with a home in Bat Yam. His charming wife, Amy, was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Bournemouth in 1965, and has thrown herself wholeheartedly into that task.

It would be true to say that Harry Ellis' life is the Bournemouth Jewish community. He trends the corridors of power in Jewish and non-Jewish circles ever willing to serve and to lead.

Newcastle

The Newcastle Combined Charity Committee held a coffee-eclectic morning at the home of Mr and Mrs Harold Edgar. The opener was Mrs P. Luper and £100 was raised for the mother and baby unit at the Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary.

Sunderland

The Friends of the Menorah School, Sunderland, held a travelling dinner, different courses being served at the homes of Mr and Mrs D. Mendoza, Mr and Mrs H. H. Pearlman and Mr and Mrs D. Berg. Over £250 was raised for the school funds.

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POLLUTION

Israel seems destined to destroy much of its quality of life by its rapid industrial advancement and the consequent environmental pollution, leading to the destruction of many of the unique habitats for its animal and plant life.

Focus

Quality of life is in danger

The ecologists declare that Israel has a single remaining unpolluted river, Crocodile River (Nahal Hitanim), yet the Government propose to build a large power station close to this river and its nature reserve.

Some of the ecological mistakes resulting from industrialisation, reclamation or intensive farming are only just becoming apparent. For example, the Hula swamps were most successfully drained and a small area preserved to act as a reminder of what the place was like and also as a nature reserve.

However, the area kept was too small and the subsequent pressures on space and food have made its management as an animal sanctuary very difficult. Moreover the reclaimed soil of the Hula is very rich in organic material, which in the atmosphere is converted to nitrates. These flow into the River Jordan and the Sea of Galilee causing an enormous growth of algae weed. This weed on dying decomposes and depletes Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) of much of its oxygen, making it likely this lake will become a decaying, stinking lifeless zone unless drastic action is soon taken.

This water pollution is the subject of intensive research by the soil technologists of the Technion,

who hope to reduce the amount of nutrient salts washed from the Hula soil so that Lake Kinneret does not suffer the fate of the Great Lakes in North America.

Pollution resulting from the intensive use of insecticides, especially those used in the aerial spraying of cotton crops, is having serious effects on the animal and plant life of Israel.

In the Citrus Marketing Board laboratories in Rehovot, intensive research is being carried out into the methods of biological rather than chemical control. Instead of using insecticides, they hope to introduce insects that will feed on the insect pests and keep them in check.

The richness of the animal and plant life and the possible effects of environmental pollution are great sources of concern to the Nature Reserves Authority, which by the end of 1970 was responsible for 120 nature reserves. One of the main factors making Israel's reserves so important is that they provide stopping points for the large numbers of birds migrating to and from Africa, of which the stork migration is the most spectacular.

On the local scene the Society for the Protection of Nature acts as a watchdog to the dangers of new construction or reclamation. It is the main force in Israel



Beauty preserved: The Wadi Kelt nature preserve

fighting for conservation. It also organises very popular walking tours and expeditions to the reserves.

Many of the well-established reserves such as Nahal David (Ein Gedi) have become so popular that instead of being quiet retreats they have become saturated with visitors, convoys of tourist buses, ice cream kiosks and the cacophony of transistor radios. As a result the wild life in these

reserves is incomparably poorer than it was just a few years ago.

Since the Six-Day War a number of new reserves have been established on the West Bank. Perhaps the most spectacular of these is the Wadi Kelt in the Judean Desert on the way to Jericho. This oasis is now within twenty minutes' drive of Jerusalem. It is perhaps too much to hope that this and the other new reserves will not suffer the



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Convalescent musing

Recovering at home from a recent appendix operation, I have been able to browse through my Jewish Chronicle at a much more leisurely pace than I can usually spare time for. It has given me a lot of food for thought.

I have naturally been paying full attention to the golf club controversy. I strongly disagreed with the implications of Ben Azai's view that "private clubs not receiving public assistance... have a right to keep out whoever they wish." This seems to me to be an establishing acceptance of the principle of discrimination.

On the other hand, if I played golf I should certainly not dream of attempting to join a club with discriminatory membership practices. To misquote Groucho Marx, I would not wish to be a member of a club which did not wish to have me as a member.

My reaction would be to campaign in order to force this and similar clubs to abandon racial or religious discrimination — and, when I had won, not to join the club.

In the same way, while I share the Jewish Chronicle's pleasure at the recognition of the Jews of Majorca as a community in their own right has made available to tourists a synagogue which is an officially recognised religious centre, nothing would induce me

to visit this island until the removal of the régime which has made this concession.

I sympathised very much with Geoffrey D. Paul, whose lead story — "Israel is not to devalue says Sapir" — was hardly dry on the "JC's" front page before Israel had devalued. It is true that the "JC" story was based on an official statement by Mr Sapir. But journalists who stick their necks out and prophesy are liable to find egg on their face from time to time.



I suffered this indignity nine years ago when, in an eye-of-poll report on the Orpington by-election for the Daily Mirror, I confidently forecast a battle for second place between the Liberal and Labour candidates. The following day the Labour candidate lost his deposit, and the Liberal won the seat by more than 7,000 votes.

Left sadly in the middle was the Conservative candidate whose undoubted victory I had so unhesitatingly forecast. Peter Goldman, the ex-Jew whose election propaganda had carefully depicted him attending a church service.

consequences of any great cause of concern and observationists. Indeed, of the beaches is a hazard, not just to holidaymakers but to Mediterranean coast.

Although this is a problem, it still has to be solved. Although control and cleaning have been used, the results have not been effective — as this year's are only too aware.

Moreover the danger of dreading to think what the regular armies failed to do to the coral reefs is a few tactical and well-Elath or neighbouring successes here and there to discharge some of the Arab strategy has proved a decades to recover.

The tourist boats near Haifa bay to the pollution emanating from the industrial zone to the variety of one's journey from Haifa indicates some of the pollution.

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was blatantly evident to the Norwich Union in the affair of December, 1968. Ambassadors from Saudi Arabia and Libya called at the Foreign Office to defend the accused Government of controlling pollution and the development must end in itself.

The rich and unique flora of the holy land preserved for future generations. In the case of the planning for the future, the offences — all the by a ban on entering the islands — include: dealing in the Arab world, such as Manischewitz, the kosher and matzot food manufacturers, the Jewish Agency and Hias (the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society).

But if the list itself is partly bogus, the implementation of the boycott is haphazard. Since each regional office has the right to decide for itself whom to blacklist, it frequently happens that a company may be boycotted by some Arab countries but not by others, according to their own interests.

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ARAB BOYCOTT

Matzot among the victims

affair of Richard Costain and Crown Dean Holdings once again highlighted the Arabs' attempt to strangle through an international economic blackmail.

Two decades the economic of Israel has been by the Arabs as a in the armoury which would achieve what regular armies failed to do.

What they originally did was a protection of their own against the influx of goods was in 1955 into the fully journey from Haifa

by the Arab League number of sheldoms in Israel is the Syrian Gulf, the boycott operates from its headquarters in Damascus (with a staff of 200) and from its 18 often as a consequence discriminate picking years ago a conference of public. The Nature Authority has announced least some of the endangered species are law. For example, the cyclamen, crowfoot, and the consular and di-missions of the Arab

Airlines which service both Arab States and Israel are also liable to blacklisting. So are ships which call on Israeli and Arab ports during the same journey or transport material useful to Israel's war effort or ferry immigrants to, or products from, Israel. Banks, too, are warned against providing loans to Israeli firms, establishing branches in Israel or promoting and distributing Israeli bonds.

Films — and their makers and stars — sympathetic to Israel are also banned, as are individuals who are labelled as "Zionists" or (as in the case of Sir Charles Clore) "leaning towards Zionism." One Disney film was blacklisted because a horse in it was called Samson.

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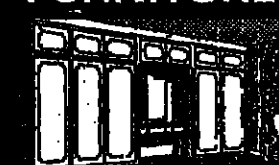
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woman's page

Mother of a heroine

SADIE LEVINE

"Cherchez la mère" could well be an interesting exercise for genealogists and historians. The mothers of great men and women, how great were they? How far did their influence serve the musicians, the painters, the explorers, the generals, the writers, the heroes... and the heroines?

I quote from one of them, "To My Mother":
"From where have you learned to wipe the tears,
"To quietly bear the pain,
"To hide in your heart the cry,
the hurt,
"The suffering and the complaint.
"From where have you learned strength."

This was the question. Where does any mother learn the strength to survive the loss of a child, how did this mother survive in such the unspeakably dreadful circumstances of her loss as described in the book?

In London for the publication events this week, she came into my office, elegant, erect, composed and incredibly smiling. "My English is rotten," she said. It was not. Maybe mine is not so good. I used the word "survival" and this to all who have been through the Nazi horrors means to have lived to tell.

So she told me of the eight-day march of deportation that she joined exactly a week after Hannah's death in 1944, when she, at 48, with thousands of others, walked in bitter winter to the Austrian border, of the air-raid which scattered the guards and started the chain of

events which led her ultimately to Palestine and "survival."

"I did not want to live. When the mass deportation order from Budapest came I thought this is my solution. I would die with the others. Survival? I had nothing to do with it. Friends looked after me, took care of me, told me I had a son to live for. I had to go on living."

We talked of course about Hannah. Sometimes the present tense crept in. Was it her English, or was Hannah still alive in her mother's mind?

There certainly cannot be a day that she can forget her, even if she wanted to. Every day there are letters, every day children come to see her, there are processions, memorials, there are six "Hannah Senesh" streets in Israel. The poems are recited by schoolchildren. The book, published in Hebrew in 1945, is still Israel's classic best-seller.

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The little flat where Mrs Senesh lives in Haifa is a museum of memories, possessions of her husband, a famous Hungarian playwright who died when Hannah was six, Hannah's writings, school certificates and prizes, and, of course, pictures. "A lovely one of her in profile which is not in the book," said her mother regretfully.

Hannah's brother, George, lives in Israel, married, with two sons.

Had there been a girl grandchild, would she have wanted it named after the heroic Hannah?

"Before the first baby was born we debated, thought it would be unwise, she might have been an entirely different kind of person. It was a boy, so that problem was solved. The second child was due on Hannah's birthday. We felt this was destined to be a "Hannah." But the baby was a few days late. And it was another boy. So that settled that problem, too."

This interview ended as it had begun, with a smile and even laughter. I can only quote again from one of her daughter's poems: "From where is this quiet in your heart?"

Dear Madam

Dear Madam—I was interested to read Sybil Kaufman's suggested list of things to take to Israel friends when visiting there.

One important item which was not included is silver foil. My sister-in-law was delighted when I brought her a large roll, not because it is not available there, but the price for this quantity in Israel is equivalent to £1 sterling.

Sybil Greenstein

COOKERY

Summer yeast kuchens

EVELYN ROSE

I spent a whole day making kuchens recently. Not, I might add, in my own kitchen, but in those of the Flour Advisory Bureau, where home-economists are constantly experimenting to find better ways of baking with yeast.

My brief: To find a tender, fine-textured kuchen dough that is easily made by hand. The recipe below is the result. It is richer in eggs than many recipes, and gives a really sponge-like texture. As yeast rises easily in the kitchen in summer-time, it is ideal to make and bake on the same day.

BASIC KITCHEN RECIPE:
1 oz. fresh yeast; 1 fl. oz. (14 table spoons) milk; 1 lb. plain flour; 1 level teaspoon salt; 2 ozs. caster sugar; 3 eggs; 3 oz. soft butter.

Method:
Blend the fresh yeast with the milk (at room temperature). Put the flour, salt and sugar into a mixing bowl. Add the yeast liquid, the beaten eggs and the soft butter and mix to form a soft dough. Knead well on a floured board for 5 minutes (or 2 minutes with a dough hook). Place the dough in a lightly-greased polythene bag and allow to rise in the kitchen until double in size—about two hours. Use as required. With this basic mixture, you can make such delights as schnitzel or streusel, butter or cinnamon kuchens. The dough is sufficient to make the two recipes given below.

FRESH FRUIT KUCHEN:
The dough is covered with fruits in season and served for tea. Take half of the risen dough. Roll

it out to fit a Swiss roll tin. Brush all over the melted butter, then cover closely with sliced fresh fruit (apples, plums, cherries or peaches). Sprinkle lightly with sugar. Allow to rise until puffy... about 30 minutes. Bake in a quick oven (Gas No. 5, 375°F) for 25 minutes. Take out of the oven and sprinkle again with sugar. Serve in squares.

CINNAMON WIRL KUCHEN:
This makes a most delicious tea loaf.
Take half of the risen dough and roll into a rectangle about 8 inch. thick. Spread with a mixture of 2 ozs. butter and 2 ozs. caster sugar, creamed together with 1 level teaspoon cinnamon. Turn in the ends, then roll up from the short end like a Swiss roll. Put, rounded side up, in a 2 lb. loaf tin. Put in a polythene bag and allow to rise until double in volume... about 1 hour. Brush with milk, then bake in a quick moderate oven (Gas No. 5, 375°F) for 10 minutes, then reduce to 300°F. (Gas No. 4, 300°F) for another 30 minutes. Coat, while warm, with icing made by stirring 2 tea-spoonsful of lemon juice into 2 ozs. sifted icing sugar. Decorate, (if liked) with glacé cherries and chopped walnuts.

SORRY

The Birdcage Umbrella (this page last week) is a British-made product by Fulton's and is available at Selfridges and other West End Stores but not at Littlewoods, as stated in error.

IF YOU SEW



Lucky people who still have their summer holiday to come may have difficulty in finding a gay, inexpensive new thing to take to the sun, now that the shops are filling up with autumn clothes. There might be time to run up a simple dress like the one in the picture, made from a Simplicity Pattern (No. 3142) which has only three main pattern pieces. Three versions, short, midi and long. This pattern costs 36p and is in sizes 16-18.

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BY DAVID PELA

With Israeli hotels booked heavily what can the late booker do who is determined to visit Israel but can travel only during the peak holiday period?

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The attractive guest house at Nof Ginosar, in the Galilee

daily give guidance to tourists. Booking at a camping site (there are several good ones) or youth hotels could be the way out for those of the appropriate age group.

Then there are the kibbutz guest houses, usually comfortable, well sited (although away from the main towns) and enabling the visitor to obtain a real taste of Israeli life. The Galilee guest houses I have stayed at—Jiko Ayelet Hashachar and Nof Ginosar, overlooking Lake Kinneret—have been of a high standard.

Those wanting to stay near Jerusalem might consider Hotel Shoshan, situated in the Judean Hills on a co-operative moshav and only ten miles from the capital. Mr Geoffrey Hyman, formerly of Middlesbrough and now a resident of Shoshan, has been visiting London to promote the hotel. He told me that accommodation consists of 24 family cottages (each can take five

gift shop and synagogue. There is a bus service from the hotel to Jerusalem and facilities include swimming-pool, tennis courts and children's playground. Shoshan has a number of British settlers and is also used as a country club.

The Council of Christians and Jews is sponsoring a study tour of Israel next spring to coincide with Passover and Easter (tour dates are from March 28 to April 11). Participants—Jews and Christians—will spend a week in Jerusalem and take part in religious observances. The second week will be spent on kibbutzim in Galilee. There will also be extensive sightseeing programmes.

The leader of the tour will be the Archdeacon of Oxford, the Ven. C. Wilton-Davies. Cost of the tour, organised by Trafalgar Travel (Mrs Eileen Jackson is in charge of arrangements) was announced as £2150 before devaluation. Flights are by El Al.

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N.W.11, 455 0902, Golders Green, 8 p.m.
BRITLAND HOTEL, 1, Platte Lane, [SKO]
N.W.11, 455 0902, Golders Green, 8 p.m.
CENTRAL HOTEL, 1, Platte Lane, [SKO]
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